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President and Vice-President are
Unanimously Chosen to Carry
the Democratic Banner to
Victory This Year

BRYAN WILL STAND BY PRESIDENT

The National Democratic convention in St. Louis last week resulted in the renomination of Woodrow Wilson for President and Thomas R. Marshall for Vice-President.

William J. Bryan, "The Great Commoner," while not a delegate was present as a reporter and had the privilege of making a speech which brought again to the surface all the old-time Democratic devotion to him as a leader, who had polled more votes than was ever done before by a Democratic presidential candidate—more votes than received in recent history by men who were elected to the presidency.

The convention endorsed President Wilson's foreign and Mexican policies, endorsed the great measures enacted by Congress at the instance of the President and in every way paid deference to the master mind which for four years has directed the destinies of the nation.

On the tariff question, the Democratic party can take but one honest and honorable position—a tariff for revenue only.

The only radical and partisan difference between the two old parties is on the question of the tariff and so long as democracy is entitled to the respect of the people it will stand against "protection for protection's sake" and the enactment of laws for the benefit of a minority of the people.

The Democratic party is united in the nation and all feel that Wilson and Marshall will be re-elected in November, notwithstanding Roosevelt has practically surrendered his Progressive principles and is expected to fall in line behind Hughes, the regular Republican nominee.

A vote for Wilson will mean a vote for Peace, Prosperity and true Americanism.

Judge Neil's Makes Tribute To Court

Editor Tennessean and American:

In the closing paragraph of your editorial this morning on the impeachment trial you said:

"The practical unanimity with which the eight charges were sustained is a tribute to the members of the legislature who constituted the court. A great duty an unpleasant duty, has been well performed, and the state has cause to be proud of the public servants who performed it."

This tribute to the senate of Tennessee is well deserved. Throughout the long trial which has just closed, every senator showed by his conduct and demeanor that he was conscious of the weight of the responsibility which the constitution had imposed on him. Each member was fully impressed with the fact that he was acting in a judicial and not a political capacity, and that his duty was to administer even-handed justice without fear or favor. All bore themselves in a kindly manner toward the defendant; all were courteous to counsel on both sides of the controversy, and were uniformly considerate of the presiding officer. They listened carefully to the whole vast volume of evidence adduced, and attentively to the addresses of the very able lawyers who appeared for the defendant and for the state; and when the discussion at the bar of the court was at an end, and the executive session was ordered, they went through each article of impeachment with equal care, considering all of them patiently and thoroughly, with sole purpose of faithfully discharging a great, painful, public duty.

I have never seen a court, or any body of men, more thoroughly controlled by a high sense of public obligation.

M. M. NEIL.

Nashville, Tenn., June 17, 1916.

The good news comes from Paducah that 1,300 barrels of whisky valued at \$150,000, were destroyed by fire in Paducah last Saturday, which consumed the warehouse of the old Terrell Distilling company outside the city limits.

Two Pay-Days For N. C. & St. L. Men

In keeping with the progressive policy of the company the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway will, effective July 1, inaugurate the semi-monthly pay day. Circulars to this effect are now in course of preparation and will be shortly issued.

This plan means, of course, that much additional work will have to be done in the accounting department and several additional men will be employed to handle these details. It also means that the 10,000 employees of the company will receive their compensation on the 1st and 15th of each month instead of only once a month as formerly.

Under the former plan of payment checks were mailed out to the men in the service outside of Nashville, the Nashville forces being paid in cash. The new plan will mean that the company in meetings its pay-rolls will do the work that would, under the old method, be equivalent to meeting a pay-roll of just twice the number of employees.

There is no law to force the company to put the plan in operation in Tennessee, Alabama or Georgia. There is a Kentucky statute, passed by the last Legislature of that state, requiring a semi-monthly pay day, but the employees of the company in Kentucky are relatively small compared with the number in the three other states just mentioned.

That the inauguration of the semi-monthly pay day will meet with the approval of the employees goes without saying. The N. C. & St. L. is the largest industrial corporation in this territory, and the semi-monthly pay day will doubtless be welcomed by those concerns with which the railroad men trade. The distribution of the vast amount of money which the road pays out for labor will doubtless go a long way toward the stimulation or business generally throughout the territory.

Some idea of the amount of money expended in the course of a year by this company may be had from the last annual statement when the operating expenses of the road were \$9,099,621.95.

NON SUIT TAKEN IN BOSWELL CASE

Big Suit Dismissed in
Circuit Court

PRIVILEGE TO RENEW

In This or Any Other Court
Within One Year From
Date of Dismissal

The fifty thousand dollars damage suit of E. F. Boswell against the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, as administrator of the estate of the late J. Fielder Boswell, who was killed with Miss Jennie Lindenfield, in August of last year, was dropped last Monday from the docket of the Circuit court of Henderson county, on non suit taken by the attorneys for the plaintiff.

The meaning of the action taken is that the suit now dismissed, may, within one year, be renewed in the Circuit court or any other court, including the Federal court.

If the case ever comes to trial, with the array of counsel known to have been engaged on the two sides, it will be a battle royal. Representing the railroad were Judge T. A. Lancaster, local counsel for the road, Judge Will B. Lamb, of Fayetteville also a regular attorney for the N-C, and Attorney Pool, of Murray, Ky., another lawyer, who has for some time been connected with the railroad interests in West Tennessee. Representing Mr. Boswell were Hon. John F. Hall, a member of the local bar, E. W. Ross, of Savannah and Milton Anderson, of Memphis. The PROGRESS is not authorized to speak but the impression prevails that the case will be carried to the Federal court.

President Great Master of Words

Pensacola Journal: The Republican convention commented at some length on the command of language of President Wilson, and in making this comment acknowledged a realization which has come to most Americans since Mr. Wilson has occupied the presidential chair. Mr. Wilson has, perhaps, more than any other American of today, the power of words. His diplomatic notes alone place him in the front ranks of the masters of wordcraft. The note on the Lusitania is one of the most remarkable state papers that has ever been written. In it Mr. Wilson expressed, as few men could have expressed, his thoughts in language so chaste, so pure, and so to the point that it is like a wonderful short story, built up, section by section, each part fitting perfectly into the next part, not one word missing and not one word superfluous.

It is Wilson's wonderful command of language which has made him, more than anything else, the master of the situation which has confronted the people of the United States during the past eighteen months. Words have life. Never before in all the history of the nations has this thought been so impressed upon the people of this country as it has during the past year. The careful word betokens the careful thought. And each word which has emanated from the chief executive of the nation has had back of it the thought of the people, of the nation, of the world. Back of every word that has been uttered by the man who has held the reins of federal government has been the thought of the safety of the nation, the honor of the nation, the integrity of the nation.

The people of the United States

JUDGE EDGINGTON STANDS CONVICTED

Found Guilty on Seven
Counts

OUT OF 20 CHARGES

Forever Barred From Holding
Office of Honor or Profit
In State of Tennessee

The Senate of Tennessee, sitting as a court in the Capitol at Nashville, with Chief Justice M. M. Neil of the State Supreme court presiding, on last Thursday and Friday last week found Jesse Edgington, of Memphis, Judge of the First Division of the Criminal court of Shelby county, guilty as charged in seven of the twenty indictments against him.

The verdict brought in against Edgington was a foregone conclusion, the proof having shown conclusively that the Judge had prostituted the honorable office to which he had been elevated—we can not say elected when a candidate gets in by Memphis methods.

The decision of this the highest jury that can be impanelled in Tennessee, makes of Edgington a disgraced man and forever bars him from holding office of honor or profit in this State.

The only pity in connection with the Edgington case and that of Attorney-General Z. Newton Estes, which is to be taken up on the 5th of July, is the enormous cost of the proceedings—some \$25,000 for each case. However, the deposing of Edgington and stripping from him the ermine of an honorable judge can not fail to have a salutary effect.

A Bible With An Interesting History

The United States supreme court Bible has an interesting history. It is bound in bright red morocco, but is generally kept in its protective leather slip.

Long ago the red leather showed signs of wear, and so a protective slip was made; and already fifteen of these slips have been worn out. The Bible is supposed to be the oldest one connected with the government. It is the one upon which every chief justice since 1800, with the exception of Justice Chase, has taken the oath of allegiance when accepting his appointment, and with the exception of Daniel Webster, every attorney who has practiced before the supreme court since that date has also pledged his allegiance over the little red Bible.—Selected.

Madison and Decatur.

Turner-Davis—Madison and Decatur counties joined hands last Saturday across Henderson county, in the marriage of Mr. Thomas Turner, of Jackson, and Miss Cora Davis, of between Decaturville and Scotts Hill, Mayor-Justice C. C. Davis officiating and the marriage taking place in the office of the County Court clerk.

Miss Davis and her mother, who is 81 years old, have been living recently in Jackson, where the groom is a carpenter by trade.

are fortunate that they have as their chief executive a man who is a master of words. Nothing has been so greatly needed as has diplomacy during this troublous period. And words, careful words; words that are weighed, words that are winged with thought, are the very embodiment of diplomacy.

REAL TROUBLE NOW WITH OLD MEXICO

Carrenza Threatens and Demands
Withdrawal of American Sol-
diers from that Country
But Wilson Stands Pat

STATE TROOPS CALLED INTO SERVICE

The papers have lately been filled with troubles and rumors of troubles in old Mexico. Villa bandits have continued to make raid across the border and Carranza seems unable or not disposed to prevent such depredations, but in spite of that the de facto President of Mexico last week made demand upon President Wilson for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican soil—which demand was accompanied by a threat.

Instead of an order to withdraw American troops from Mexico, President Wilson at the first of the week issued an order calling the militia of all the states into the Federal service, which order will be the making of approximately 100,000 soldiers, of which Tennessee now has

1,800. All militia companies standing at the peace strength peace of 68 will be recruited to the full war strength of 150.

All this week the country has seemed to be on the verge of war and the papers have teemed with big headlines showing the imminence of declaration of hostilities and the people have waited with impatience the coming of the morning and afternoon papers.

Carranza has reiterated the statement that if American troops now in Mexico should march any way but northward, they will be met with resistance—in addition to which the state of Yucatan and one other of the Mexican Republic are said to have declared war against the United States.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

With and Without Comment, Gathered From Many Sources For the Information
of Our Readers.

The Chattanooga district shipped over 200,000 crates of strawberries in the season just closed, which was eleven per cent or 26,525 crates under the crop of 1915. W. C. Stephens, a freight agent of the Queen and Crescent Railroad estimates that the berry growers of that district lost from \$150,000 to \$200,000 by the drouth and cold weather early in May.

The town of Grangeville, Idaho, with 2000 population, without saloons, has had but one arrest, and that one under the charge of disturbing the peace, in the last year. That one offender was taken away from the police court jurisdiction and committed to an asylum for the insane. Before saloons were put out, the town kept two policemen and often employed extra men on the force for a day or two. Having nothing else to do, we wonder if the policemen whiled away his time in looking after the condition of the streets.

The case of Charles C. Trabue, the Nashville lawyer, who entered the office of a brother lawyer, on the 26th of April and killed him, has been continued until the September term of the Davidson county criminal court. Some people believe that the murder of Harry Stokes was fully as cold-blooded and inexcusable as was the assassination of Senator Carmack by old Dunc Cooper and while but few if any have enough confidence in the administration of justice in Nashville to hope for the conviction and punishment of Trabue, the murder of Stokes is one case which brings regret that capital punishment has been abolished in Tennessee.

What is known as the "Crump Primary" is to be held in Shelby county July 12. In this primary ousted Mayor Crump will have himself nominated for the office of county trustee. Then when the August election day comes, the gentleman who has been kicked in disgrace from the office of mayor of

the largest city in the state, can, doubtless, have himself elected even without his name being on the ballot—as was done when the same gang decided to make Reichman the sheriff of the county two years ago.

At the close of last week it was reported that the Russians in their successful drive against the Austro-Hungarians and the Germans had captured nearly 200,000 prisoners and a vast amount of guns and munitions. The Russian Bear instead of being first to get out of the great war, seems to be giving a good account of himself. Notwithstanding Germany spent thirty years in preparation for the war, which it could have prevented when it did come, the Teutons lost the victory for which they hoped when they failed in the first weeks in 1914 to reach and take Paris, the French capital.

The great libel case of Z. C. Patton of the Chattanooga Medicine Company against the American Medical Association, which has been tried in Chicago, went to the jury last Saturday. In this case the costs have amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars on both sides and will, of course, go to the court of final resort for settlement. Patton brought the suit because of the publication in the Medical Association's Journal of an article declaring Wine of Cardui, a product of the Chattanooga Medicine Company, to be a nostrum. Several witnesses went from Henderson county as witnesses in the lawsuit.

England is shutting down so tight on the liquor business that it may finally adopt and enforce absolute prohibition, as has been done by Russia and by which the latter country has been redeemed from a most deplorable condition. The report was made from England a few days ago that the ministry of munitions intended to prevent the distillation of whiskey except so far as it is used for the by-product needed

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